

McCoy Stained Glass Designs

Common Questions

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1. Will the colors fade over time?

The short answer is no. While the common term is "stained glass," the glass itself has color throughout the thickness of the glass. The color is added during the manufacturing process using chemicals and other organic compounds. There are windows in Europe that are approaching 1000 years of age that are still as vibrant in color as when they were built.

2. How long does it take to see the finished product?

It varies, depending on the size and the complexity of the project and how busy we are at the time. We are able to give you an installation date when the initial contract is signed.

3. How do you install the glass?

There are two methods that we use. For front door installations, the art glass pieces are "sandwiched" between two pieces of tempered glass, becoming a triple pane window. This protects the art glass from the elements and meets building codes for safety.

For other windows, transoms and sidelights, we build the window to fit inside the existing window. Painted wooden moldings are used to install the art glass.

Individual pieces can also be framed and hung.

4. How do I care for my windows?

Cleaning of your windows should be kept to a minimum. If they are dusty, you can use your vacuum to clean them (the little ball attachment) or use a soft brush to wipe them clean. This should be done on a regular basis, probably twice a year.

Never, EVER, SPRAY any cleaning solution on your windows. This includes any commercial products or any homemade products such as ammonia and water. This will cause the patina on the lead to discolor.

If your windows are in an area where they can be smudged: This is the time to take your very weak solution of ammonia and warm water, along with a good quality tee shirt material and gently clean only the smudged GLASS area. Spray your cleaning solution on the cloth, not the window. Be careful not to get any solution on the lead, as this will discolor it.

5. Where can I get ideas for stained glass windows?

There are numerous sources on the Internet and at the local library in books and magazines. We have used pictures taken by client's and have copied patterns in upholstery and fabric.

Stained Glass Designs provides an initial, free design session for prospective clients to view our portfolio and various design books.

Still have questions? Contact us.

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